Water Paint Balloons, Smoke Bombs, Nonlethals

Techniques and Tips on Producing Effective Devices Designed to Degrade Opposition Morale

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Introduction:

Welcome to the guide of nonlethal easy to manufacture projectiles and alternative options at protests. The inspiration for this short guide comes from protests in Spain where a popular method to degrade the morale of the opposition is to cover them in paint. These nonlethal devices are safer to deploy than other tools such as incendiaries and can also highly effective in protests. Building and or the use of these devices are at your own risk. Practically speaking they are impossible to control. *However, consider wearing all black including face coverings and preventing identification regardless.* Feel free to use this as inspiration to create your own designs.

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Water Paint Balloons:

Extremely easy to buy almost anywhere. You want to specifically buy water balloons as air balloons are much thinner and prone to popping prematurely. This is likely going to be messy so do it in the sink or outside.

Take the flour-based paint made from later in this guide and add water until you get to a comfortable consistency when filling the water balloons (not too thick or thin).

Buy a pack of plastic liquid syringes. I recommend buying one or two 500ml syringes, or roughly 17 US fl oz, enough to fill about 5 water balloons give or take.

Create or purchase an appropriate paint mixture, fill the syringes with the paint, and use it to push the paint inside of the water balloons. You may want to reduce the thickness of the paint to increase the “explosion” radius.

Tie the balloons and store until use.

Smoke Bombs / Tubes:

A simple enough to build device that requires some specialty chemicals. There are multiple sources for these, and you can even make some of your own ingredients. https://www.skylighter.com/

Chemicals Needed:

+ Potassium Chlorate
+ Sodium Bicarbonate (baking soda)
+ Magnesium Carbonate
+ Lactose
+ **Industrial Smoke Dye Preferred (sadly not the easiest to acquire), Solvent Based Dye (ebay), Stain Powder (will stain anything it comes into contact with!) FOOD GRADE DYES WILL NOT WORK**

Extra Supplies:

+ Visco fuse (green fuse)

+ Smoke Canister (Cardboard Tubes, Penny Rolls, etc)

Procedure:

The smoke powder composition is as follows. All you need to do is put the ingredients together and make sure they are mixed well (can be done easily in large gallon bags or inside of a container like an empty paint can and shaken).

+ 27% Potassium Chlorate

+ 18% Lactose

+ 16% Magnesium Carbonate

+ 3% Baking Soda

+ 36% smoke dye

Seal off one end of the tube (tape, plastic, staples, whatever), fill it up with power and insert visco fuse. Then seal the top by pinching together the cardboard leaving a small amount of room for air to enter and escape.

Flour-Based Paint:

Extremely easy to produce with cheap ingredients – highly effective at covering the opposition in paint and generally ruining their day.

Cooking Supplies:

+ Large Pot (8-16 quarts / 2-4 US Gallons / 7.5 - 15 liters)
+ Empty Metal Paint Cans
+ Spatula

Ingredients:

+ 1 Part Salt
+ 1 Part Hot Water
+ 1 Part Flour
+ Gel Food Coloring (Industrial Size / Strength Preferred)

Procedure:

Example making 1.5 gallons / 5.7 liters of paint. (230 US fl oz / 240 Imperial fl oz). Assuming 2-4 fl oz per water balloon that would be 57.5 - 115 water balloons.

x = 24 US cups (1.5 gallons),
x = 20 Imperial cups (5.7 liters)

1) Fill the large cooking pot with **x** amount of water. Bring water to a boil (adding a little salt to the water will help the water heat faster).

2) When water is boiling, mix in **x** amount of salt until as much of the salt dissolves as possible.

3) Take the cooking pot off the heat. Stir in **x** amount of flour and mix until completely blended. The flour is a thickening agent, so you can add less to get a better consistency or add more water for the paint mixture.

4) Add the strong gel food coloring in small amounts and mix until the desired color is reached.

5) Store in empty paint cans until use.